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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: J. ETOH et al  
Serial No. 09/095,101  
Filed: June 10, 1998

Group Art Unit: 2818  
Examiner: S. Mai  
For: LARGE SCALE INTEGRATED CIRCUIT  
WITH SENSE AMPLIFIER CIRCUITS FOR  
LOW VOLTAGE OPERATION

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

Box: Patent Application  
Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/095,101, filed on June 10, 1998, entitled LARGE SCALE INTEGRATED CIRCUIT WITH SENSE AMPLIFIER CIRCUITS FOR LOW VOLTAGE OPERATION, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION  
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW  
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

3. A check including the amount of \$746.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims 2-52 before calculating the Filing Fee. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

--This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/095,101, filed June 10, 1998.--.

7. New drawings are enclosed, one hundred twenty-nine (129) sheets, Figs. 1A-78C.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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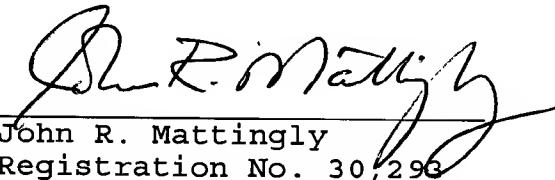
9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd. and Hitachi ULSI Systems Co., Ltd.

10. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 63-148104, filed June 17, 1988;  
No. 63-222317, filed September 7, 1988;  
No. 1-29803, filed February 10, 1989; and  
No. 1-66175, filed March 20, 1989.

The certified priority documents have been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the Specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/095,101, as originally filed on June 10, 1998.



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Reissue of

U.S. Patent No. 5,526,313

Issued: June 11, 1996

For: LARGE SCALE INTEGRATED CIRCUIT WITH SENSE AMPLIFIER  
CIRCUITS FOR LOW VOLTAGE OPERATION

OFFER TO SURRENDER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The undersigned assignees, Hitachi, Ltd. and Hitachi ULSI Systems Co., Ltd., Japanese corporations, which are owners by assignment of the accompanying Reissue Application for reissue of the above-identified U.S. Patent No. 5,526,313, granted June 11, 1996, to applicants Jun ETOH, Kiyoo ITOH, Yoshiki KAWAJIRI, Yoshinobu NAKAGOME, Eiji KUME and Hitoshi TANAKA, hereby offer to surrender said Letters Patent.

HITACHI, LTD.

AND

HITACHI ULSI SYSTEMS CO., LTD.

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